

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-12. (Canceled)

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13. (New) A method for decrypting an encrypted digital data file, comprising:

receiving the encrypted data file; and

decrypting a portion of the received data file while leaving the remaining portion of the data file encrypted.

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14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the partial decryption of the received data file is performed at a plurality of locations spaced apart at a predetermined interval on the digital data file.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising storing the partially decrypted data file in a data storage medium or a digital data player.

16. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising decrypting the remainder of the partially decrypted data file.

17. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the received data file is partially decrypted based on a predetermined encryption key.

18. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising reading the stored data file from the data storage medium or digital data player and reproducing the data file at the request of a user.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising decrypting the data file based on a predetermined encryption key, and outputting the decrypted data file to an output line.

20. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the predetermined interval is a multiple or divisor of a buffer size.

21. (New) A digital data decryption apparatus comprising:  
a receiving unit for receiving an encrypted digital data file; and  
a decryption unit for decrypting a portion of the encrypted data file while leaving the remaining portion of the data file encrypted.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the partial decryption of the received data file is performed at a plurality of locations spaced apart at a predetermined interval on the digital data file.

23. (New) the apparatus of claim 22, wherein the predetermined interval is a multiple or divisor of a buffer size.

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24. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a data storage medium for storing the partially decrypted data file.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the received data file is partially decrypted based on a predetermined encryption key.

26. (New) The apparatus of clam 21, wherein the decryption unit subsequently decrypts the remainder of the partially decrypted data file.

27. (New) A method for decrypting an digital data file, comprising:  
receiving the encrypted data file;  
decrypting a portion of the received data file while leaving the remaining portion of the data file encrypted;  
storing the decrypted data file in a buffer; and

reencrypting the decrypted data file.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the partial decryption of the received data file is performed at a plurality of locations spaced apart at a predetermined interval on the digital data file.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising storing the received encrypted data file in a data storage medium of a digital data player.

30. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising decrypting the remainder of the partially decrypted data file.

31. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the received data file is partially decrypted based on a predetermined encryption key.

32. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising reading the stored data file from the data storage medium and reproducing the data file at the request of a user.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising decrypting the data

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file to an output line.

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